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COPENHAGEN FOR FISHATT

1. ACCORDING VARIOUS JAPAN SOURCES, ATLANTIC FISHEIES DEVELOPMENT CO. IS JOINT VENTURE ESTABLISHED MAY 1974 BETWEEN NIPPON SUISAN (85 PERCENT), MITSUBISHI SHOJI (10 PERCENT), AND SORIAMONT (PHONETIC) DEVELOPMENT CO.IN IRELAND (5 PERCENT). TOTAL CAPITAL 700,000 POUNDS STERLING.

2. TRAWLER TESHIO MARU (2,500 GROSS TONS NOW ERIN FISHER) WAS EXPORTED TO IRELAND BY NIPPON SUISAN FOR THE COMPANY. VESSEL ARRIVED ABOUT JUNE 27 TO BE BASED AT CORK.

3. AT PRESENT, TRAWLER CREW IS JAPANESE BUT IN FUTURE WILL BE MANNED BY IRISH CREW AFTER TRAINING.

4. TRAWLER SCHEDULED TO FISH NORTHEAST ATLANTIC NEAR IRELAND AND ICELAND, AND IN NORTHWEST ATLANTIC OFF US, CANADA AND GREENLAND.

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5. FIRM PLANS TO CATCH 4,000 M/T THIS YEAR, MAINLY COD,HERRING,
YARI-IKA SQUID AND RED FISH.

6. CATCH WILL BE FROZEN FOR EXPORT TO ECC AND JAPAN WITH
TOTAL SALES TARGET THIS YEAR 1.2 MILLION POUNDS STERLING.

7. IN EARLY 1975 COMPANY PLANS TO OPERATE THREE 500 GROSS TONS,
IRISH-BUILT TRAWLERS (IN ADDITION TO PRESENT LARGE TRAWLER), A
2,000 TON COLD STORAGE PLANT, PROCESSING FACILITIES FOR FILLET
AND FISH BLOCKS, AND A FISH MEAL PLANT.

8. FYI TESHICO MARU FISHED NORTH ATLANTIC 1972/73 UNDER CHARTER TO
JAPAN MARINE RESOURCE RESEARCH CENTER AND IS EXPERIENCED IN
FISHING THIS AREA.
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